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Section 14 - Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection

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What is it?

Section 14 gives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to plan, design and construct measures to provide emergency protection to public infrastructure that is being imminently threatened by erosion of streambanks or shorelines. Public infrastructure includes things such as roads, schools, public facilities and National Register historic sites.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for a Section 14 project. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as Sponsors. All it takes is a simple request to the local Corps office and a representative will discuss your problem with you and let you know if you qualify for the program.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$40,000 of any Section 14 project is paid 100% by the Federal Government.
- All additional expenditures are cost shared at a rate of 65% Federal, 35% Sponsor.
- There is a spending cap of \$1 million of Federal expenditure per Section 14 project.

How long does it take?

A typical Section 14 Planning and Design Analysis (PDA) takes up to 12 months depending on the complexity of the problem. The PDA includes all NEPA work as well as design work and benefit-cost analysis. Construction time varies depending on the solution being implemented, but typically takes between 3 and 9 months.